

# Council to row out the boat on Friday

by Marie Hobbins

ALL six Fine Gael members of Limerick City Council will vote for a rezoning of Wellesley Pier to facilitate the construction of a landmark building to house Limerick Boat Club.

The rezoning is necessary if developer Michael Daly's iconic building is to go ahead.

With six votes assured from the Fine Gael block, two from Fianna Fail's Cllr Kieran O'Hanlon and Cllr John Cronin, two from Labour's Cllr Joe Leddin and Cllr Gerry McLoughlin, it would still be necessary to secure two further votes, if the required majority of 12 votes are to be found.

It is known that Independents, Mayor John Gilligan and Cllr Kathleen Leddin, will vote against rezoning, and there is some doubt as to whether Labour's Cllr John Ryan and Cllr Kieran Walsh will be in attendance, which means that crucial votes to give a majority of 12 will depend on

Independents, Lilly Wallace and Pat Kennedy, and Labour's James Houlihan.

The all important vote was adjourned from Monday's council meeting to a special meeting to 10am on Friday (January 30).

It is expected that developer Michael Daly will go through the plans in detail for the councillors, before the vote takes place

City manager, Tom Mackey, explained that under Section 34 of the Planning Act, three quarters of the 17 councillors' vote would be required to allow for rezoning of Wellesley Pier.

"This would require three quarters of the 17 votes - 12 votes and abstentions will not count," he said.

"However, we have a motion submitted by Cllr Kieran O'Hanlon that we defer until Friday, and this has been seconded by Cllr Kevin Kiely".

Cllr Pat Kennedy said the councillors wanted to do their best for the city.

"It would be good if we had a unanimous



vote on this and that we act wisely on the issue - we have not had a presentation by the developer, and while we have a report from our own architect, we do not have guidelines from the Department of the Environment on their view on the matter - I think we should adjourn on this for a month," he recommended.

Meanwhile, a vote to delete the boat club from the city's list of protected structures was carried by 13 to 2 - Mayor John Gilligan

and Cllr Kathleen Leddin voting against.

Commenting after the meeting, Cllr Joe Leddin said he is optimistic for a good outcome.

"I'm very glad that the delisting vote was won, otherwise we'd have been dead in the water, as it is now, I'm now guardedly optimistic for a good outcome to the rezoning vote on

Friday when the developer will present to the councillors and if necessary, consider if modifications to the plans can be made - I'm hopeful it will get the green light and that work will get going straight away, which will create construction jobs and a lot of other jobs when the development is completed".

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